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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BURR of North Carolina).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 28, 1998.

I hereby designate the Honorable RICHARD BURR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EWING) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EWING led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate passed a bill of the following title, in which concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 2206. An act to amend the Head Start Act, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, and the Community Services Block Grant Act to reauthorize and make improvements to those Acts, to establish demonstration projects that provide an opportunity for persons with limited means to accumulate assets, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The chair would now entertain 1-minute requests and then 5-minute special orders until 11:30.

A SOLEMN TRIBUTE

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, on this solemn day, I rise to join my colleagues in paying tribute, a special tribute, to the heroic actions of Officer Jacob J.J. Chestnut and Special Agent John Gibson. The quick and professional actions that cost them their lives undoubtedly saved the lives of many innocent people last Friday.

My thoughts and prayers, like all Americans, are with their families, friends and fellow officers. As always, the Capitol Police act in a very professional manner and work tirelessly to ensure our safety each and every day. While diligent agents of security, they are also the friendly ambassadors to the emergencies of visitors who come to visit this great building that symbolizes the freedom of our great Nation.

While we mourn the tragic deaths of these two men, and rightly so, more importantly we should thank God that two such men once lived.

As Members of Congress, we must all take the time out of our hectic schedules to stop and thank them for the daily sacrifices they make to protect the innocent visitors to our Capitol. Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, thank you for your heroism and your sacrifice. May you rest in peace in God's arms.

MAY THEIR SACRIFICE NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

(Mr. EWING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EWING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer John Gibson and Officer Jacob Chestnut. Last Friday, these two men willingly gave their lives to defend our Nation's Capitol and its citizens. Their courage and conviction to duty should be a lesson to all of us.

As family men, these two officers had much to live for, much to look forward to, yet day in and day out these two family men worked their jobs knowing that some day they may have to put their lives on the line.

When that day came, they met the challenge with the strength of many, and selflessly placed themselves in harm's way to protect so many others.

I and the people of the 15th District of Illinois greatly appreciate the fact

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